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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: J. Winstedt |
| Takashi KATO et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2872 |
| Application No.: 09/362,698 |) | |
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| Filed: July 29, 1999 |) | |
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| For: OPTICAL SYSTEM AND OPTICAL |) | August 8, 2002 |
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| OPTICAL ELEMENT |) | |

The Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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